

Tuesdays Nevada Libraries Check-In
from
Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records
10 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday
April 6th, 2021

Notes

Attending: JoVon Sotak, Denise Frohlich, Sulin Jones, Norma Fowler, Bruce Douglass, NSLAPR; Guest speaker - Sara Schrichte, Children's Cabinet; Kim Diehm, Boulder City; Amy Dodson, Douglas County; Joy Gunn, Marcie Smedley, Henderson; Jessica Anderson, Humboldt County; Danielle Milam, Leo Segura, LVCCLD; Forrest Lewis, North Las Vegas; Alyssa Wogee, Shanna Gibbons, Pahrump; Kathie Brinkerhoff, Pershing County; Ananda Campbell, Carson City School District; Holly Esposito, Washoe County School District; Eric Walsh, GBC; Maggie Farrell, UNLV; Nancy Cummings Schmidt, SCLL.

Announcements:

- Mike Strom has been selected as the new Administrator for the Nevada State Library, Archives, and Public Records and will begin in May.
- Denise Frohlich is the new Assistant Administrator for the Nevada State Library, Archives and Public Records.
- North Las Vegas is among 15 libraries across the country nominated as finalists for the 2021 IMLS National Medal for Museum and Library Service.
- Ananda Campbell, Carson High School Library Coordinator and State Council on Libraries and Literacy member, is the Carson City High School Educator of the year.
- Jessica Anderson, Humboldt County, and Kameron Mitchell, Pershing County, were selected for ARSL's Leadership Institute.

Guest Speaker: Sara Schrichte, Mind in the Making/Vroom Coordinator, Children's Cabinet

- Provided an update on the Children's Cabinet statewide efforts for Mind In The Making (MITM) and Vroom through a grant from the Bezos Foundation. MITM/Vroom are built around early childhood development. MITM is a book and Vroom is an app.
- Children's Cabinet offers professional development partnerships with libraries, childcare workers, and the community.
- In the past, they partnered with NSLAPR and Las Vegas Clark County Library District to teach MITM to library staff.
- In the future, possibly Fall 2021, they will be offering instruction statewide to libraries in MITM, both virtually and in-person. Training will be customized to library staff based upon needs.
- Children's Cabinet is also looking to develop statewide strategies for delivering MITM/Vroom materials through the state of Nevada and Children's Cabinet.
- If you are interested in resources from Children's Cabinet (such as Vroom keytags), reach out to sschrichte@childrenscabinet.org

NSLAPR Updates- **JoVan Sotak, Nevada State Library Archives and Public Records -**

Staffing Updates: New Assistant Administrator Denise Frohlich is on board. Mike Strom will be starting in May as the new NSLAPR Administrator. Mr. Strom is currently the State Archivist and Director of Government Records Services at The Library of Virginia. He has an MLIS and was previously the Wyoming State Archivist. Also, approval has been received to fill staff vacancies at the state library.

2021 Legislative Session:

AB 258 (previously BDR 33-167), for consolidated library districts with a population over 1,000,000, was heard at the March 19th meeting of the Government Affairs Committee and is included at the 8:00 a.m. session April 6th, 2021. If AB 258 is passed, the minimum public library standards will need to be revised to reflect the changes.

SB 66 (previously BDR 34-430) is sponsored by the Senate Committee on Education, and as introduced, would have created the K-16 Nevada Connectivity, Innovation and Advisory Commission. The language of the bill was amended to remove the Commission and move the focus to the Governor's office of Science Innovation, and Technology.

SB 126 (previously BDR 35-76) revises provisions for libraries in public schools in counties over 100,000 population. It includes requirements that schools maintain a library, establishes standards for teacher-librarians, and includes exceptions to those requirements. It has been heard at Committee, but there are no updates at this time.

NSLAPR's budget was passed. Two new positions were approved for Mail Services; the proposal to create a new division for Mail Services is in separate legislation and hopefully will be approved to provide needed longterm planning and leadership.

LSTA: Sulin Jones, LSTA Coordinator, NSLAPR: For LSTA Federal Fiscal Year 20, which ends 9/30/2021, statewide non-competitive subgrants will be offered with some remaining unallocated funds. These grants will be offered to eligible public, academic, and special libraries to help meet Goal #4 of our LSTA plan: "build capacity of libraries to meet evolving information access needs." The project will be 'opt in' and is meant to let libraries review what they have done during COVID 19 pandemic response (grab and go, digital programming) and enable them to continue the activities they want to keep. This overlaps with and complements the American Rescue Plan (**ARP**). In order to make this funding available as soon as possible, we got permission to authorize payments in advance. There will still be reporting measures, but you will tell us what you need and we will advance payment. The grant will already be written by us and all you need to do is opt in and tell us how you will spend the funds. The goal is to make this as least burdensome as possible.

ARP: JoVan Sotak: The State Library will receive \$2.6 million in relief and recovery from the recent Federal stimulus program, the American Rescue Plan. The money is subject to LSTA funding requirements and restricted to COVID 19 responses. The allocation of funds to libraries hasn't been determined but we are anticipating using a formula to distribute the money to eligible recipients. Advance payments will be made instead of reimbursements, and the funds will be available after July 1st.

Attendees were asked how they might use these funds, and the responses follow:

Danielle Milam, LVCCLD: We would use to continue the hotspot program and other wifi initiatives

Maggie Farrell, UNLV: E-book collections to help with access for remote learning

Kathie Brinkerhoff, Pershing: LinkedIn Learning--formerly Lynda.com

(JoVon replied that the plan is to use ARP funds for statewide LinkedIn Learning so individual libraries won't have to use ARP funds for that.)

Forrest Lewis, NLV: More educational database options that help with education options

Ananda Campbell, Carson City School District: K-12 databases

Jessica Anderson, Humboldt County: Online tutoring Brainfuse or Tutor.com; NicheAcademy for staff training

SCLL Meeting, Tuesday April 13th, 2021 Sulin Jones, LSTA Coordinator: This is the SCLL meeting to review, rank, and make recommendations regarding the competitive applications for 2021 LSTA funds. The agenda will be posted by Thursday morning prior to the meeting per NRS.

Youth Services Check-in, Bruce Douglass, Youth Services Coordinator, Nevada State Library:

The Summer Reading Program materials are in the mail and should be arriving over the next couple of weeks. Please contact b-douglass@admin.nv.gov (775)684-3373 if you have questions.

We will be holding a SRP Youth Services Check-In via zoom on Monday April 19th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. All library staff is invited to attend the session or watch the recording placed on our YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBrzCbTGrobUtJKs5Bdg8rA/videos>).

Library News Links:

National Medal Finalist: North Las Vegas is among the 15 libraries across the country nominated as finalists for the IMLS National Medal for Museum and Library Service. Forrest Lewis, North Las Vegas Library Director, believes the nomination is for the library staff's work with the City on many projects to help the community during the pandemic and the ability of staff to adapt to changing situations.

ARSL Leadership Institute: The Association for Rural and Small Libraries started a leadership institute program with a highly competitive application process. Out of 180 applications from throughout the United States, 30 were selected as participants with two from Nevada: Jessica Anderson from Humboldt County and Kameron Mitchell from Pershing County.

- The ARSL Conference will be held in Reno this year, and the program committee is looking for proposals. Proposals are encouraged from everyone – not just small and rural libraries.

Carson City High School Educator of the Year: Ananda Campbell, Library Coordinator and State Council on Libraries and Literacy member, is the Carson City High School Educator of the year. She stated that it is rare for a non-classroom teacher to be chosen for this honor, and she will also be in the running for Carson City School District Educator for the Year.

Library Workers' Day: This is National Library Week and today's meeting falls on Library Workers' Day. Celebrate!

Nevada Library Association Update: In honor of National Library Workers Day, there will be a special event today at 1:00 p.m. via zoom which will include the announcement of the Librarian of the Year recipient.

Through a partnership with the California Library Association, Nevada library staff have the opportunity to attend the CLA virtual library conference in May. NLA received an LSTA grant which makes it possible for them to offer 66 scholarships available to all Nevada library workers and anyone directly associated with libraries. Conference information, the scholarship application and additional information is at <https://nevadalibraries.org/>. The California Association is giving the California Library Association rate and membership for the rest of the year. Application is due April 20th, 2021.

Library Check-in:

Ananda Campbell, Carson City School District: I have been invited to speak at the school board meeting next week to honor and celebrate all our school librarians. I took this as an opportunity to advocate for school libraries and am sharing the following link of my presentation: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1aViiZF2aFcT11TvmZE_QL_RVAPmU3JJKMzO-l2xeArk/edit?usp=sharing

Feel free to make a copy and I hope it is helpful for others to use for school library advocacy.

Joy Gunn, Henderson Libraries: The library has been open for a full month and everything is going well. Limited services are being offered, and things are still being adjusted when the unexpected occurs. Library staff are excited to see the patrons again, and the patrons are excited too.

Holly Esposito, Washoe County School District: School has just restarted after Spring Break. More kids are attending in person, and everyone is adjusting to the challenges.

Kim Diehm, Boulder City: The library has been open for a month. The computers are spaced apart for social distancing. People are glad the library is open again as they love browsing for their materials. Curbside service has dropped off since reopening.

Jessica Anderson, Humboldt County: The new Teen Room has been put together and more things are still due to arrive. Teens are using the room, making friendships, playing video games, etc., and library staff are glad that the teens are utilizing it.

Leo Segura, LVCCLD: The Vegas Strong Academy has ended, and the students have gone back to the schools. Hours of operation were pared down at some locations after the Academy ended. Curbside is still offered despite a drop off in demand. LCVVLD's new director is Kelvin Watson, and more information is available on the library website.

Alysha Wogee, Pahump: Library staff are getting ready for Summer Reading Program with plans to have events outdoors with social distancing.

Maggie Farrell, UNLV: No news update from UNLV, but the academic libraries will be giving a report to NSHE in May.